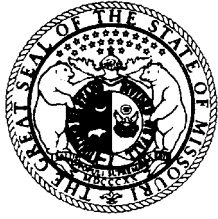


## EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY



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### Situation Report

#### Severe Storms with Tornadoes

May 6, 2003

National Weather Service indicated that over 80 separate tornadoes hit the states of Kansas, Missouri and Tennessee during the outbreak of storms on May 4, 2003. Hardest hit areas were; Platte and Clay Counties, City of Stockton in Cedar County, and Pierce City in Lawrence County. 17 citizens (see Christian County Report) have been confirmed as fatalities of these storms in Missouri. Governor Holden has requested President Bush to declare 39 counties in Missouri as disaster areas, which would allow the citizens of those counties to qualify for Federal disaster assistance. Rough estimates of damage include over 20 million dollars worth of damage in the Kansas City Metro area. Another round of storms is expected late afternoon in the southern portion of the State as a front moves across Missouri.

**Please Note:** Number of fatalities changed from 18 to 17 due to two counties reporting the same death.

#### County Reports:

(Note: This listing of counties reflect only those that have reported their damages to SEMA. Further reports are anticipated from other affected counties.)

Barton County: No changes reported.

Camden County: 16 injuries and 3 confirmed deaths. Many homes damaged with 25 homes destroyed. Some businesses damaged and/or destroyed. Power is out in many rural areas of the County. Debris removal problems noted in some areas.

Cass County: 2 family residences destroyed, 1 major damaged and 6 minor damaged. All were insured.

Cedar County: City of Stockton public square severely damaged, one business left standing. Missouri National Guard has fifteen guardsmen running seven generators for power. MoDOT maintenance shed destroyed in Cedar County.

Christian County: 27 homes destroyed – 12 homes with major damaged and 16 with minor damage. 4,000 persons without power in Clever, Mo. Phone system is still out. One fatality was counted by this county and another county.

Clay County: 5 injuries, 100 evacuated, 3 hospitalized and 1 sheltered. 25 single family homes destroyed, 30 major damaged, and 15 with minor damaged. Estimated losses 10 million. Business losses were only 2 minor damaged – both insured. This is a partial report, does not include Liberty.

Dallas County: 2 confirmed fatalities, 11 injuries, 11 hospitalized and 16 sheltered. Reported damages include 19 single family units destroyed, 13 major damage, 22 minor damaged. Mobile Homes –22 destroyed, 2 major damage, 5 minor damage. Business: 1 with major damage. 20 debris removal sites have been established. 2 Bridges damaged. 39 utility problems (electrical power outages).

Greene County: City of Battlefield reported 400 homes damaged/destroyed. 4 businesses, the fire station and the police station were damaged/destroyed. Greene County Highway Department assisting with debris removal.

Jackson County: 20 homes severely damaged. Over 3,500 residents without power or drinking water. Damage assessment teams were deployed.

Jasper County: Carl Junction has extensive damage. Smithfield and Stringtown have about 15 homes damaged/destroyed. Lots of trees down in Carl Junction. Mutual aid from Joplin is being provided to the smaller communities.

Johnson County: 15 residences damaged with 2 destroyed affecting 60 people.

Lawrence County: 60 homes damaged /destroyed in eastern Lawrence County. 100 homes damaged/destroyed in western Lawrence County. 20-40 businesses in downtown Pierce City mostly destroyed. Power is out in Monett, Purdy and Butterfield. 38 Missouri National Guardsman have been ordered to Pierce City to provide security and generated power.

Pettis County: No changes reported.

Platte County: City of Riverside was the hardest hit. 50 homes received minor to major damage. 25 townhouses minor to major damage and approximately 15 businesses minor to major damage with one totally destroyed. Estimate still remains at 5 million dollars.

Polk County: 1,500 people estimated to be without power. 35 homes with moderate to totally destroyed. Estimated that 100 barns or outbuildings were destroyed. Power has been restored in Humansville, Missouri including the water plant. Salvation Army and Red Cross are assisting victims.

SEMA Actions: SEMA assisted Governor Holden in declaring 39 counties as disaster areas throughout the State. Governor Holden made on-site visits to Pierce City and Springfield. Damaged assessment teams have been selected and deployment started .

FEDERAL/STATE Actions: FEMA's Regional Operations Center in Kansas City remains open to assist the States of Missouri and Kansas. Department of Homeland Security Under Secretary for FEMA, Mike Brown will be touring disaster sites in Kansas (KC), Missouri (KC, Springfield, and Pierce City) and then proceed to inspect damage in Jackson, Tennessee. FEMA is coordinating the dispatch of FEMA PDA teams with SEMA. FEMA Region VII is reviewing Governor Holden's request for Emergency Declaration .

Other State Agency Actions: Missouri Department of Transportation has provided support to local agencies with debris removal and loans of equipment. Missouri State Highway Patrol has assigned additional troopers in areas to provide assist locals in providing security. Statewide Fire Mutual Aid Agreements have been activated by the State Fire Marshall to buttress overworked Fire/Rescue crews throughout the state. Missouri Water Patrol has seven patrolmen assisting in the Platte/Clay County areas. DNR has been addressing the debris removal and permit process for burning debris and other environmental issues.

Volunteer Organization Actions: American Red Cross and Salvation Army are providing shelter services and assisting response efforts throughout the state. SEMA's Unmet Needs Committee has been directing MOVOAD's (Missouri Volunteers Active in Disaster) response and recovery efforts. Americorp has resources assisting communities and citizens in Pierce City, Springfield and Kansas City.

Forecast: Morning weather will be partly cloudy with temperatures rising into the low 70's. National Weather Service indicates a front will be moving through Missouri during daylight hours and may bring severe storms late this afternoon and evening.. Thunderstorms are expected overnight with a clearing on Wednesday, May 7, 2003.

### Shelter List

<u>County</u>	<u>Community</u>	<u>Address</u>
Johnson	Warrensburg	Grover Park
Clay	Riverside	Community Center
Clay	Liberty	Community Center
Camden	Camdenton	Camdenton HS
Jasper	Webb City	Webb City HS
Polk	Humansville	High School
Lawrence	Aurora	1 <sup>st</sup> Baptist Church
Christian	Billings	High School
Barry	Monett	VFW
Greene	Battlefield	1 <sup>st</sup> Baptist Church
Cedar	Stockton	1 <sup>st</sup> So. Baptist Church

### Deaths by County (Confirmed)

Barton County – 1  
 Camden County - 3  
 Cedar County – 3  
 Christian County – 1  
 Dallas County - 2  
 Greene County - 1  
 Jasper County - 2  
 Lawrence County – 4

Total - 17

National Guard Activation

Pierce City - 38 soldiers for security mission (Mission number reduced from 44)

Gladstone – 29 soldiers for security mission.

Stockton – 15 soldiers for electrical assistance

Battlefield – 63 soldiers for security mission

Marionville – 12 soldiers for security mission (Mission number reduced from 20)

Jefferson City – 4 soldiers for operations

Total – 157

Mutual Aid No changes reported.

Points of Contact: SEMA Duty Officer after hours number is 573-751-2748, during normal hours calls should be made to 573-526-9100.